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SUBJECT Vaida-Voevod and the
Rumanian Iron Guard

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ORIGIN

1. It is reported that Dr. Alexandru Vaida-Voevod, the 76-year old former Prime Minister of Rumania, uses his home as a political meeting place for "moderate" Iron Guardists and members of the right-wing of the National Peasant Party who are dissatisfied with their president, Iuliu Maniu. Vaida-Voevod acts as counselor for these groups.
2. Vaida-Voevod stated that his opinion now differs entirely with the ideas expressed by Maniu. The two men long ago broke up their collaboration when Maniu opposed King Carol and Vaida-Voevod supported him. Since then Vaida-Voevod has formulated his political policy along nationalistic and anti-semitic lines. This policy has attracted many Iron Guardists.
3. Vaida-Voevod declares that Maniu is at present forgetting that it is not yet possible to lead an internal and foreign anti-Soviet program in Rumania, and he maintains that Maniu also overestimates the ability of the Anglo-American powers to intervene. Maniu's press has repeatedly disappointed the Rumanian people by forecasting "Washington and London intervention which never materialized.
4. Vaida-Voevod suggests that Rumania should follow a strictly neutral policy and prepare to side with either the Soviets or Americans while awaiting "further developments".

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